



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

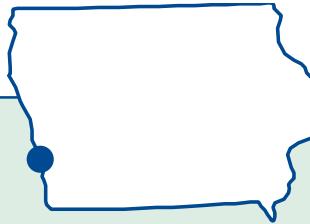
Carter Lake, IA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Carter Lake was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in western Iowa near the Nebraska border, Carter Lake (population 3,404) is surrounded on three sides by Omaha and on the fourth side by the Missouri River. This geographic location has historically had a negative impact on the city. As early as 1898, demolition rubble from Omaha was disposed of in Carter Lake. It still comprises much of the city's fill. Runoff pollution from Omaha has contaminated the city's namesake lake. The city's commercial corridor along Locust Street contains many abandoned or poorly maintained sites. Dilapidated buildings, boarded-up gas stations, and vacant lots litter the main thoroughfare. Numerous former fuel station properties in the area remain vacant, largely because of the stigma associated with



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Carter Lake for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to inventory brownfield sites and conduct 14 to 15 Phase I and about four Phase II environmental site assessments. Grants funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

environmental issues. Brownfields assessments will help the city identify and characterize its brownfields and are expected to encourage cleanup planning and development activities.